

SUNDAY APPEAL.

From the Station Post.

THE SONG OF THE FUSEL OIL.

Fill high the bowl with Fuse Oil!
Let the lamp be lit with Fuse Oil!
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Wine! That did not die in
The cup that was made for it!
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Alas! Fragrant wine of Greece!
That thou shouldst be so used!
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Bring on the Beer—bring on the Beer!
With a splash of water, and a dash
Of sugar, and a dash of salt,
And a dash of vinegar!

Far down thy bubbling depths, Champagne!
Thou art the life of the party!
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How to Choose a Cow.

From an excellent little manual on

"The Alderney and Guernsey Cows,"

by Mr. Edward Parsons Fowler, the

importer of the Guernsey stock which

recently arrived in Mobile, we copy the

following instructions on the topic named

above:

The head should be small, slender

and length from the eye to the ear

should be open—not cramped, or

curly. It is frequently expressed, too

curly. The eye full, but not prominent,

the latter quality indicating an excitability

and consequent restlessness of disposition

that is not favorable to the production

of milk. The ear lengthy and

laid back, and well fringed with hair,

which protects it from the annoyance of

flies, and indicates a strong constitution.

A broad muzzle should be avoided as

showing a tendency to fat. The nose

should be long, straight and narrow, with

a tendency to rise at the withers, and

behind the arm to allow of a full expansion

of the lungs, the chest being rather deep

than broad. The flat-sided cow is more

especially to be avoided as a milk-

er, as the ribs should be wide, rugged and

high, and the pelvis (or haunches) wide

and large, drooping towards the tail.

The thigh long and lean from hip to

hoof, the veins being prominent and easily

felt. The legs slender, with flat hooves

and small feet, the hind legs being

long and good with between, to afford room

for the udder. A long and thin tail is

a great point in breeding.

I now come to the udder, to which

all the remarks are secondary. This

part, the reservoir of the milk, should

be free from folds, flexible and soft, with

no tendency to flesh; the bag extending

well forward, as level as possible with

the belly, and high up between the

thighs. The feeding vein should be

particularly observed. In the heifer

with the first calf must be felt for

the hand, in this case two holes

will be discovered by feeling under the

belly nearly in a line with the navel, on

each side, in good milking heifers, or

about the size of a sixpence. As age

increases the holes enlarge, and the

veins become large and easily perceived by

the eye—the larger these feeding veins

are, the greater is the quantity of milk.

The teats should be well separated, not

fat or fleshy, and not too long, but suf-

ficiently tight to retain the milk, and

a tendency downwards, that is, to use

the technical term, not strutting or

pointing away from the quarters, as this

causes waste of milk and difficulty in

milking. These particulars combine all that

ordinary use requires to be attended to

in the selection of a serviceable cow.

There are, however, some few remarks

to be made on the udder, which will be

found in determining the fitness of

particular cows for particular localities,

having little to do with the milking

process. It is better to

select a cow to suit the soil and exposure

of the field, in which case the udder will

adapt itself to the altered condition by

thickening and producing more hair, but

when this gradual adaptation of the

animal to a new and more severe climate

is impracticable, choice should be made

of one possessing that great delicacy

of skin and covering which is so much

valued, but of one having coarser and

more curly hair, and thicker hide, which

is indicative of a customary exposure

when the other points will show good

milking properties.

Venice and Brindisi.

The Italian Government, in the

project of the increase of trade by

opening of the Suez canal, is about

improving the port of Venice by dredging

out the lagoons. It is asserted, however,

that Venice cannot recover her former

mercantile importance, since a formula-

tion of the canal will divert the steam-

ships from the Adriatic to the Gulf of

Brindisi, the ancient Brundisium,

situated in the province of Otranto, on

the Adriatic, in the upper part of the

peninsula, and a saving of

thirty-six hours is effected by the steam-

ships on the overland route to India,

in the time required on the old route

to pass from Paris to Alexandria by way

of Marseilles. It is true that Venice

may not become a prominent station on

the overland route, but there is a very

lucrative trade with Austria which

finds an outlet at Trieste, and two ports

on the Northern Adriatic will add to

the facilities for the exchange of the

commodities for which that region is

celebrated.

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